

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill # SB0456				Title:	Revise m	naximum school district general fund budget
Primary Sponsor: Ryan, Don			Status:	As Introduced		
☐ Significant Local Gov Impact			Needs to be included in HB 2		V	Technical Concerns
☐ Included in	the Executive Budget		Significant Long-Ten	rm Impacts		Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2008 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2009 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2010 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2011 <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>Description of fiscal impact:</u> SB 456 revises school district budget limitations and the voting requirements for the over-BASE portion of the school district general fund budget. SB 456 has no impact on state support for K-12 schools.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

The changes in SB456 affect the over-BASE portion of a school district's general fund budget. There is no impact to the state general fund as a result of the bill.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

- 1. Any increases in local property taxes to support the over-BASE levy must be approved by the district voters. It removes the requirement to vote levies that exceed the statutory maximum budget.
- 2. The legislation provides the same procedure for all school general fund levy elections regardless of whether the district adopts a budget which is less than or in excess of the maximum general fund budget.

- 3. A 1989 Supreme Court decision required the state to provide school districts with equalized budgets. This legislation moves in a direction of less equalized district budgets:
 - This legislation eliminates statute that requires districts to reduce general fund budgets that are above the equalized area over a period of time specified in law.
 - SB 456 allows additional districts to exceed the equalized budget range by adopting budgets over the maximum calculated budget whenever the state increases the entitlements in MCA 20-9-327 through 20-9-330 and the district's prior year budget is higher than the current year maximum budget.

Budget Director's Initials

Sponsor's Initials

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